## What is Claim d:

- 1 1. A method of indicating the amount of data, in particular of characters,
- 2 which can be entered in an edit field of an electronic device for a common
- 3 subsequent processing, comprising the step that the available capacity for
- 4 entering data in the edit field is graphically visualized.
- 1 2. A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a graphic element associated
- 2 to the edit field is changed in functional dependency to the available
- 3 remaining capacity.
- 1 3. A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into
- 2 two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in
- 3 functional dependency to the available capacity.
- 1 4. A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into
- 2 several sub-portions, each of which is representing a predefined amount of
- 3 capacity, so that for every amount of capacity already used one of these sub-
- 4 portions is visually displayed, filled up and/or deleted.
- 1 5. A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a text cursor is changed
- 2 proportional to the number of remaining characters, which can be entered into
- 3 the edit field.
- 1 6. An electronic device having an edit field, means for entering data
- 2 and/or characters into the edit field and means for processing a predefined
- 3 maximal number of entered data and/or characters all at once, comprising a
- 4 graphic element associated to the edit field for graphically visualizing the
- 5 space or capacity available in the edit field.
- 1 7. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the look of the graphic element
- 2 is changeable in functional dependency to the available space or capacity.
- 1 8. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is

- 2 subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are
- 3 changeable in functional dependency to the available space.
- 1 9. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is
- 2 subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which is representing a
- 3 predefined amount of capacity, and wherein respectively one of these portions
- 4 is changeable for a character entered.
- 1 10. An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is a text
- 2 cursor.
- 1 11. An electronic device of any of claim 6, being a mobile phone, in
- 2 particular based on a GSM-standard or UMTS-standard.